REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present

application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as

necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the

invention.

Applicant appreciates the allowability of claims 2-10. For purposes of expediting the prosecution

of the present application, allowable claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1 and claim 1 has been

cancelled. Thus, claims 1 and 3-10 are allowable for the same reasons as for claim 2.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,691,529 to Bloomberg et

al. Claim 1 was amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 2, and thus the rejection has

been rendered moot.

Also enclosed are two (2) sheets of formal drawings, in which hand-written reference numbers

have been replaced by typed numbers.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition

for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not

in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the

undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our

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Respectfully submitted,

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